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SUBJ: TAIWAN, INTELSAT AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

1. EMBOFF CALLED IN SEPTEMBER 30 BY SCHOLTYSEK,
FOREIGN OFFICE SPECIALIST ON INTELSAT WHO ASKED THAT
USG BE INFORMED OF SITUATION AMONG FOREIGN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY IN TAIWAN WHICH IS OF CONCERN TO FRG. HE
SAID FONOFF HAD BEEN CALLED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF LARGE
GERMAN CHEMICALS FIRM, HOECHT, WHO REPORTED THAT
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TAIWAN HAD CIRCULATED
LETTER TO ALL ITS MEMBERS URGING THEM TO ASK THEIR
RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO KEEP ROC
A FULL MEMBER OF INTELSAT. LETTER APPARENTLY ASSUMES
THAT IF THIS FIGHT NOT WON, TAIWAN-BASED BUSINESSMEN
WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH
INTELSAT FACILITIES.

2. SCHOLTYSEK SAID UNCERTAINTY IN THE BUSINESS COM-
MUNITY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICATIONS IS NOT GOOD.
SINCE IT IS NOT FIRMLY BASED ON FACTS, IT SHOULD BE
EASY TO ALLAY. FONOFF TOLD HOECHT THAT THERE WAS NO
REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WILL BE A BRAKEDOWN IN SATEL-
LITE COMMUNICATIONS. THIS SCHOLTYSEK JUSTIFIED ON
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BASIS FONOFF BELIEF THAT MOST INTELSAT MEMBERS WISH TO

MAINTAIN ROC ACCESS TO INTELSAT.
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